

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



A hand-painted postcard (circa 1930) of the Brown-Pusey House, where Gen. George Custer and his wife stayed while stationed in Elizabethtown. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5_Box4_301.

HARDIN COUNTY: BEFORE CUSTER'S LAST STAND

From 1871 to 1873, Gen. George Custer commanded cavalry and infantry battalions assigned to Elizabethtown to suppress Ku Klux Klan and carpetbagger activity and to break up illicit distilleries. Custer, it has been said, had a lively social life there, wrote articles for a New York magazine and enjoyed hunting throughout Kentucky. In a letter, he once said of Elizabethtown: "The climate is pure and healthful, the citizens so far have been cordial, no one churlish or unfriendly."



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